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Dear Ms. Robinson:

In reference to North Carolina Department of Transportation T.I.P. Project No. R-2527 and at your request, the National Forests in North Carolina examined the question whether the designation of "game lands" on the Uwharrie National Forest qualifies these areas for protection or special consideration under Section 4(f) of the United States Department of Transportation Act of 1966 and as amended (49 U.S.C. 138 and 23 U.S.C. 303). My staff has determined that in this case the "game land" designation does not qualify these areas for consideration under Section 4(f). Section 4(f) does not apply because these "game lands" are not managed primarily for wildlife and are instead managed as multiple-use public land holdings.

We used the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Section 4(f) Policy Paper dated March 1, 2005; the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Croatan and Uwharrie National Forests dated June 1986; and the Proposed Land and Resource Management Plan for the Uwharrie National Forest dated June 2011 to make this determination. Please contact our NCDOT Liaison, Karen Compton, at 828-257-4230 if you have any questions concerning this determination.

Sincerely,

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cc: Lisa Feller, NCDOT Project Manager
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